

# permutations

Formulae:-

-> Factorial Notation :- Let  $n$  be positive integer. Then, factorial  $n$  denoted by  $n!$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} n! &= n(n-1)(n-2) \dots 3.2.1 \\ \text{eg:- } 5! &= (5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1) \\ &= 120 \\ 0! &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

-> Permutations :- The different arrangements of a given number of things by taking some or all at a time, are called permutations.

eg:- All permutations (or arrangements) made with the letters  $a, b, c$  by

taking two at a time are  $(ab, ba, ac, ca, bc, cb)$

-> Numbers of permutations :- Number of all permutations of  $n$  things, taken  $r$  at a time is given by

$$\begin{aligned} {}^n P_r &= n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-r+1) \\ &= n! / (n-r)! \end{aligned}$$

-> An Important Result :- If there are  $n$  objects of which  $p_1$  are alike of one

kind;  $p_2$  are alike of another kind;  $p_3$  are alike of third kind and so on

and  $p_r$  are alike of  $r$ th kind, such that  $(p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_r) = n$

Then, number of permutations of these  $n$  objects is:

$$n! / (p_1!)(p_2!) \dots (p_r!)$$

-> Combinations :- Each of different groups or selections which can be formed by taking some or all of a number of objects, is called a combination.

eg:- Suppose we want to select two out of three boys  $A, B, C$

.

then, possible selection are  $AB, BC$  &  $CA$ .

Note that  $AB$  and  $BA$  represent the same selection.

-> Number of Combination :- The number of all combination of  $n$  things taken  $r$  at a time is:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^n C_r &= n! / (r!)(n-r)! \\ &= n(n-1)(n-2) \dots \text{tor factors} / r! \end{aligned}$$

Note that :  ${}^n C_n = 1$  and  ${}^n C_0 = 1$

An Important Result :  ${}^n C_r = {}^n C_{(n-r)}$

## PROBLEMS

1. Evaluate  $30!/28!$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sol:- } 30!/28! &= 30 * 29 * (28!) / (28!) \\ &= 30 * 29 = 870\end{aligned}$$

2. Find the value of  ${}^{60}P_3$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sol:- } {}^{60}P_3 &= 60! / (60 - 3)! = 60! / 57! \\ &= (60 * 59 * 58 * (57!)) / 57! \\ &= 60 * 59 * 58 \\ &= 205320\end{aligned}$$

3. Find the value of  ${}^{100}C_{98}$                        ${}^{50}C_{50}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sol:- } {}^{100}C_{98} &= {}^{100}C_{100-98} \\ &= 100 * 99 / 2 * 1 \\ &= 4950 \\ {}^{50}C_{50} &= 1\end{aligned}$$

4. How many words can be formed by using all the letters of the word DAUGHTER so that vowels always come together & vowels are never together?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sol:- (i) Given word contains 8 different letters} \\ \text{When the vowels AUE are always together we may suppose} \\ \text{them to form an entity, treated as one letter} \\ \text{then the letters to be arranged are DAHTR(AUE)} \\ \text{these 6 letters can be arranged in } 6! = 6! \\ \hspace{15em} = 720 \text{ ways} \\ \text{The vowels in the group (AUE) may be arranged in } 3! = 6 \text{ ways} \\ \text{Required number of words} = 720 * 6 = 4320\end{aligned}$$

(ii) Total number of words formed by using all the letters of the given words

$$\begin{aligned}8! &= 8 * 7 * 6 * 5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 \\ &= 40320 \\ \text{Number of words each having vowels together} \\ &= 720 * 6 \\ &= 4320 \\ \text{Number of words each having vowels never together} \\ &= 40320 - 4320 \\ &= 36000\end{aligned}$$

5. In how many ways can a cricket eleven be chosen out of a batch of 15 players.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sol:- Required number of ways} \\ &= {}^{15}C_{11} = {}^{15}C_{(15-11)} \\ &= {}^{15}C_4 \\ {}^{15}C_4 &= 15 * 14 * 13 * 12 / 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 \\ &= 1365\end{aligned}$$

6. In how many a committee of 5 members can be selected from 6 men 5 ladies consisting of 3 men and 2 ladies

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sol:- (3 men out of 6) and (2 ladies out of 5) are to be chosen} \\ \text{Required number of ways} \\ &= ({}^6C_3 * {}^5C_2) \\ &= 200\end{aligned}$$

7. How many 4-letter word with or without meaning can be formed out

of the letters of the word 'LOGARITHMS' if repetition of letters is not allowed

Sol:- 'LOGARITHMS' contains 10 different letters  
Required number of words  
= Number of arrangements of 10 letters taking  
4 at a time  
=  $10P_4$   
=  $10 * 9 * 8 * 7$   
= 5040

8. In how many ways can the letters of word 'LEADER' be arranged

Sol:- The word 'LEADER' contains 6 letters namely  
1L, 2E, 1A, 1D and 1R  
Required number of ways  
=  $6! / (1!) (2!) (1!) (1!) (1!)$   
=  $6 * 5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 / 2 * 1$   
= 360

9. How many arrangements can be made out of the letters of the word 'MATHEMATICS' be arranged so that the vowels always come together

Sol:- In the word 'MATHEMATICS' we treat vowels  
AEAI as one letter thus we have MTHMTCS(AEAI)  
now we have to arrange 8 letters out of which M occurs  
twice, T occurs twice & the rest are different  
Number of ways of arranging these letters  
=  $8! / (2!) (2!)$   
= 10080

now AEAI has 4 letters in which A occurs 2 times and the rest are different

Number of ways of arranging these letters  
=  $4! / 2! = 12$   
Required number of words =  $(10080 * 12)$   
= 120960

10. In how many different ways can the letters of the word 'DETAIL' be arranged in such a way that the vowels occupy only the odd positions

Sol:- These are 6 letters in the given word, out of which  
there are 3 vowels and 3 consonants  
Let us mark these positions as under

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)  
now 3 vowels can be placed at any of the three places out of 4  
marked 1, 3, 5  
Number of ways of arranging the vowels =  $3P_3 = 3! = 6$   
Also, the 3 consonants can be arranged at the remaining 3 positions  
Number of arrangements =  $3P_3 = 6$   
Total number of ways =  $(6 * 6) = 36$

11. How many 3 digit numbers can be formed from the digits 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 9 which are divisible by 5 and none of the digits is repeated?

Sol:- Since each desired number is divisible by 5,  
so we must have 5 at the unit place. The hundreds place  
can now be filled by any of the remaining 4 digits. So, there  
4 ways of filling it.  
Required number of numbers =  $(1 * 4 * 4)$

12. In how many ways can 21 books on English and 19 books on Hindi be placed in a row on a shelf so that two books on Hindi may not be together?

Sol:- In order that two books on Hindi are never together, we must place all these books as under:

X E X E X . . . . . X E X

Where E denotes the position of an English and X that of a Hindi book.

Since there are 21 books on English, the number of places marked X are therefore 22.

Now, 19 places out of 22 can be chosen in

$${}^{22}C_{19} = {}^{22}C_3 = \frac{22 \times 21 \times 20}{3 \times 2 \times 1}$$

Hence the required number of ways = 1540

13. Out of 7 consonants and 4 vowels how many words of 3 consonants and 2 vowels can be formed?

Sol:- Number of ways of selecting (3 consonants out of 7) and (2 vowels out of 4)

$$= {}^7C_3 \times {}^4C_2$$

$$= 210$$

Number of groups each having 3 consonants and 2 vowels = 210

Each group contains 5 letters

Number of ways of arranging 5 letters among themselves

$$= 5! = (5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1)$$

$$= 210$$

$$\text{Required number of words} = (210 \times 210)$$

$$= 25200$$

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